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For: SILICA-BASED ORGANIC FILM AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND BASE  
MATERIAL COMPRISING ORGANIC FILM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This Amendment and accompanying Remarks are filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 7, 2005. It is believed that this Amendment is timely filed on or before April 8, 2005. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Please amend the application as follows: